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In this volume Mr. Dwelly completes the early transcripts at Wells, begun in the volume noticed in our last number. This, of course, has the same value. While it cannot be claimed that family names, where the connection has not been made, have any other value than that of clues for investigation, yet, as such they are valuable. Among names familiar in Virginia which are found in this volume are Bickley, Cabell, Owsley, Peyton, Pitt, Hawley, Pryor, Whiting, Dangerfield, Higgenbotham, Pinkard, Fry, Bayly, Turbeville, Lear, Heale, Chinn, Baylor, Seager, Ludwell, Meriwether, Kirton, and Cocke. The entries of Cabell and Fry are especially numerous. The emigrant of the Va. Frys was from Crewkern, Somerset, and of the Cabells from Frome in the same county.

JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES OF VIRGINIA, 1695-1696-1696-1697, 1698, 1699, 1700-1702. Edited by H. R. McIlwaine (Va. State Library), Richmond, Va., 1914.

This admirable publication is too well known to need comment. One more volume will complete the series.

GORDON'S UNDER ARMS. A Biographical Muster Roll of Officers named Gordon in the Navies and Armies of Britain, Europe, America and the Jacobite Risings. By Constance Olive Skelton and John Malcolm Bullock, Aberdeen. Printed for the University 1912, pp. LXV 595.

This is a most unique and remarkable book. It gives the name and service, with, where possible, a brief biographical sketch of every man named Gordon who was an officer of army or navy anywhere in the world. Perhaps no surname could have furnished so many soldiers. The soldier Gordons of Virginia have been fully and interestingly treated by Mr. Armistead C. Gordon.

V. M. I. PAPERS. By Jennnigs C. Wise, Colonel Engineers, Virginia Volunteers, Commandant of Cadets. Published Privately by the Author for his Friends, pp. 53.

It is to be hoped that this very interesting series of papers is the forerunner of a fuller work on the Virginia Military Institute and its history. The subjects treated are "Peace Service of the Virginia Military Institute," "Stonewall Jackson and the Virginia Military Institute," "The State Cadet the Genius of the Institute," "In Memoriam," and "Review of the Newmarket Campaign." Col. Wise treats his various topics with such enthusiasm and yet with so much knowledge as to render this little work of real value as a contribution to the history of the famous institution.

A LIST OF MANUSCRIPTS RECENTLY DEPOSITED IN THE VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY BY THE STATE AUDITOR. Compiled by Earl G. Swem, Assistant Librarian, Va. State Library Bulletin, Vol. 7m. 1, Jan. 1914, pp. 32.

It was known for many years to a few people that great masses of old records were buried away, inaccessible to students, in the offices of the Auditor of the State of Virginia. It is needless now to recount the efforts to make them available for use. It is sufficient to say that the present Auditor, Mr. J. Lee Moore, did recognize their value, and, acting under a permissive law passed some years ago, turned them over to the State Library. The story of the dirty and uncomfortable work required for their removal from the basement of the Auditor's office would fully equal any of the tales of recovery of valuable papers which have been related. This is now past and these most valuable papers are safe in the Library (that is as safe as they can be until our Legislature provides an entirely fireproof depository for our public records), and Mr. Swem and his assistants are gradually arranging them. Such arrangement and proper cataloguing will require much time. The Librarian made a very wise decision, however, in issuing this list which gives a general idea of the documents found. They comprise between 600,000 and 700,000 pieces, including 10,000 records in book form. Hardly any are of a date prior to the beginning of the Revolution, but from that period down in the close of the Civil War, there is no phase of our history untouched and much bearing on the general history of the United States.